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Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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TO THE HONORABLE JAMES A. NOE, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA:

In conformity with your Notice for Publication dated January 9th, 1936, published in the official journal of the State, advertising that sealed bids will be received at your office on or before the 4th day of February, 1936, at eleven o'clock, A. M., for the lease of the oil, gas and other mineral rights in and to the following described property in Vermilion, Iberia, St. Mary, and Terrebonne Parishes, State of Louisiana, to-wit:

"All of the property now or formerly constituting the beds and other bottoms of lagoons, lakes, gulfs, bays, coves, sounds, inlets and other water bodies, and also all islands and other lands belonging to the State of Louisiana and not under lease from the State on the date of application, namely, Jan. 8th, 1936, and being situated or included within the following described boundaries:

"Beginning on the mean high water line at the most westerly tip of Terrebonne Parish, La., known as Pointe au Fer, and running along said mean high water line as it follows the shores of Atchafalaya Bay, Four League Bay, East Bay, Morrison's Cut-off, Bayou Sale Bay, East Cote Blanche Bay, West Cote Blanche Bay, Jaws or Little Bay, Vermilion Bay, Weeks Bay, and of all lagoons, lakes, bays, coves, sounds, inlets, and other water bodies adjoining or forming arms of said named bays, excluding, however, all rivers, creeks, streams or bayous tributary thereto, said mean high water line, with the exception of that part bordering Four League Bay or arms thereof, following the shores of Terrebonne, St. Mary, Iberia and Vermilion Parishes, to the most eastern point on that promontory of land forming the west side of Southwest Pass; thence in a general westerly direction along the shore of the Gulf of Mexico to the dividing line between Cameron and Vermilion Parishes; thence south along said dividing line into the marginal or maritime belt of the Gulf of Mexico to the extreme limit or boundary of the domain, territory, and sovereignty of the State of Louisiana; thence easterly along said limit or boundary to a point due south of place of beginning; thence north to place of beginning, including in particular the beds and bottoms of Vermilion Bay, Weeks Bay, West Cote Blanche Bay, Jaws or Little Bay, East Cote Blanche Bay, Bayou Sale Bay, Morrison's Cut-off, East Bay, Atchafalaya Bay and Four League Bay, Southwest Pass and part of the Gulf of Mexico; this particularization, however, not being or intended to be all-inclusive.

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"LESS AND EXCEPT MARSH ISLAND and the beds and bottoms underlying the following three described tracts:

"Tract #1/ That part of Vermilion Bay lying in the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of T. 15 S., R. 3 E., La. Mer.

"Tract #2/ That part of Vermilion Bay lying in Iberia Parish.

"Tract #3/ That part of Bayou Sale Bay and East Cote Blanche Bay bounded as follows:

"On the east and south by the shore line of St. Mary Parish, on the north by the north line of Township 17 South - Range 9 East, Louisiana Meridian, and on the west by a line running due north from Pt. Chevreuil to the north line of said township."

I herewith submit the following bid, to-wit:

For the lease of said oil, gas and other mineral rights in and to said above described property and under the terms and conditions set out in said Notice for Publication, a copy of which is hereunto annexed, I offer a cash bonus of Seventy five thousand  
(\$ 75,000<sup>00</sup>) Dollars.

I also agree to pay to the State the following royalties, to-wit:

*Mr. T.J.S.* One-eighth (1/8th) of all oil produced and saved; Two dollars \$2.00  
~~seventy-five cents~~ for each long ton of sulphur produced and saved; ten (10%) cents per ton for all potash produced and saved; one-eighth (1/8th) of the net proceeds derived from the sale of gas, and one-eighth (1/8th) of all other minerals produced and saved, all as provided in said form of lease.

I also agree to drill wells upon said leased premises, as provided in article II of said form of lease hereto annexed, and to drill off-set well or wells as stipulated in said form of lease and not to sub-lease, unless agreed to by the Governor, all in accordance with the terms and conditions of the form of lease hereto annexed.

If oil is discovered in paying quantities on the above described premises, I agree to pay to the State of Louisiana, as an additional consideration for said lease, the sum of five hundred thousand (\$500,000<sup>00</sup>) Dollars, said amount to be paid only out of the proceeds of the sale of one - one hundred twenty eight (1/28) of the first oil produced, saved and marketed from said leased premises, as specifically provided for in said form of lease hereto annexed.

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I submit herewith certified check in the sum of  
Seventy five thousand  
(\$ 75,000<sup>00</sup>) Dollars, payable to the State Treasurer, the  
amount of the cash bonus offered, which is to be forfeited  
in the event this bid is accepted and I fail to enter into a  
written contract within ten (10) days after such acceptance.

Respectfully submitted,

W. T. Austin

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